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## BRITISH RETAKE POSITIONS LOST IN HARD BATTLE ON HILL NO 60

Field Marshal French Advises London Foothold Gained By Germans By Use of Shells Generating Gases Is Recovered

### ASSERTIONS OF BERLIN REGARDING GAINS DENIED

On Heights of Meuse and Woivre, And In the Mountains of the Vosges, Paris Reports Troops Of Kaiser Have Lost Heavily

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, May 7.—After admitting yesterday that the Germans, by the employment of shells generating noxious gases, had obtained a foothold on Hill Number Sixty, in the vicinity of Ypres, the war office announces this morning that the lost ground has been recaptured.

Fighting continues around Ypres, but Sir John French, the British field marshal, contradicts the assertion of Berlin that the Germans have gained ground southeast of Ypres.

**Attempted Offensive Fails**  
The German official bulletin yesterday announced that the French had been forced to abandon their positions in the wood of Ailly, with a loss of two thousand in prisoners and many dead left on the field.

Paris, in the midnight official bulletin, says:  
"For the last fifteen days the enemy has been attempting to take the offensive on a grand scale. This attempt we have easily broken.

**French Lines Intact**  
"On the heights of the Meuse and those of the Woivre district, along the Meuse and in the mountains of the Vosges, the Germans lost more than 35,000 men.  
"Our lines remained intact and we lost no important positions, while the Germans allowed a dozen of their finest regiments to be decimated."

## FORMER SENATOR YOUNG ARRESTED IN AUSTRIA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) VIENNA, May 6.—While acting as a war correspondent for his paper, the Des Moines Capital, former Senator Lafayette Young of Iowa, accompanied by the former American deputy consul at Bern, was arrested at Innsbruck because of suspicion of spying directed against his companion. Senator Young has been released with apologies. His companion was held a day before the authorities were satisfied.

**ANOTHER FORTRESS BURNED**  
(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) CONSTANTINOPLE, May 7.—British warship in the Aegean blowing shells across the peninsula of Gallipoli, have set fire to the fortified city of Maldo, just inside the narrows of the Dardanelles, on the northern shore of the straits. On the opposite shore, the town of Dardanelles has burned to the ground.

### WOMEN PEACE ENVOYS WILL VISIT ENGLAND

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) THE HAGUE, May 7.—England will be the first of the belligerent nations to be visited by the women peace envoys now assembled here in conference; Germany will be the second. Jane Addams of Chicago will head the delegation.

## FORMER PRESIDENT SUSTAINS NEUTRAL POLICY OF WILSON

William H. Taft Opposes Change in Rule Regarding Foodstuffs and Munitions of War

### MEANS SELF-PRESERVATION IN EVENT OF HOSTILITIES

United States Must Keep in Mind Possibility of Resort To Precedent

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) MADISON, Wisconsin, May 7.—Addressing the legislature of Wisconsin here yesterday, former President Taft commended President Wilson for the policy of neutrality in the European war, which, Mr. Taft said, Mr. Wilson "so conscientiously had followed."

As in former public declarations, Professor Taft put himself on record as opposing any change in the present international rule which permits neutrals to furnish foodstuffs and munitions of war to belligerents.

**Precedent Is Regular**  
To establish any other precedent, he argued, might be dangerous to the United States at some future time. Should this country ever find itself attacked by a strong, aggressive, military nation, prepared to the last minute, the United States, which is not a military nation and never would consent to the moral and physical sacrifices necessary to attain complete preparedness, would find itself at a grave disadvantage, were it then unable to recruit its supplies from other neutral nations.

The same general rule, he contended, applied to all powerful nations, which a change in present practice would subject to the aggressions of international bullies.

**No Favors Arbitration**  
Professor Taft favored the establishment of an international court of arbitration which would make future wars impossible.  
In a previous address to the students of the University of Wisconsin, he urged that powers of greater initiative in legislation be conferred on the President, and that better business principles be inculcated in the national government. Conservation of the national funds had become a matter of immediate necessity, he said, inasmuch as the country now had reached the limits of taxing its resources.

### BOER GENERAL MARCHES ACROSS BARREN DESERT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) CAPE TOWN, South Africa, May 7.—The High Commission announces that General Louis Botha, commanding the British forces, has occupied the important railway junction of Karibib, in German southwest Africa, after a forced march across a waterless waste. Smaller parties sent out from the main body of troops took possession of other stations on the line.

### EMBARGO TO BE PUT UPON COAL AND COKE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, May 7.—The government is planning, it was announced yesterday in the house of commons, to place an embargo on the exportation of coal and coke from the United Kingdom, except to the colonies and the allies of the empire.

### ITALY STILL PREPARING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) ROME, May 6.—On the Italian frontier, military preparations continue. Carabineers and customs men have been called to the colors. The frontier is being fortified and measures are being taken to defend Venice.

### ELECTRIC CHAIR ADOPTED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SACRAMENTO, May 7.—The lower chamber of the California legislature passed yesterday a bill substituting death in the electric chair for hanging, as the penalty for capital offenses.

### GERMAN FLEET SIGHTED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PETROGRAD, May 7.—German warships appeared yesterday off the port of Libau, but made no attack.

## JAPAN DELIVERS ULTIMATUM TO PEKING

Bryan Declares 'Open Door' and Treaty Rights of China Must Be Respected

GOVERNMENT Building (Upper), Naval Station (Center) and Army Headquarters, At Port Arthur, From Which Japanese Will Direct Operations Against China In Case of War; President Yuan Shih-kai of China and Emperor Yoshihito of Japan



## BRITISH LOSE SIXTEEN TRAWLERS INSIDE WEEK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, May 7.—Since Sunday last sixteen British trawlers have been sunk in the North Sea by German undersea hunters, and several others have been chased and shelled but escaped.

The Grimshy trawler Stratton and the Danish passenger ship Cathay of 2956 tons were sunk yesterday, the Stratton by a submarine, but the Cathay, whether by a mine or a submarine, is not known. The crews of both were rescued, as were the passengers aboard the Cathay.

Off the Irish coast the schooner Earl Latham was sent to the bottom by a submarine, but no loss of life has been reported.

### OAKLAND HARBOR READY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) OAKLAND, May 7.—The steamship Admiral Dewey, plying between this port and Seattle tied up today at the inner wall of the new municipal harbor. A public celebration was held in honor of her arrival, the first since work on the harbor was begun.

### CHINESE TEAM DEFEATED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SOUTH BEND, Indiana, May 7.—The Chinese baseball team from Honolulu was defeated here yesterday by the University of Notre Dame, 3 to 2, in a close game.

## Unless Yuan Surrenders Before 7:45 O'Clock Sunday Night, Mikado Will Make War

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji.) TOKIO, May 7.—Japan has delivered her ultimatum to China, to run forty-eight hours. Unless China complies unconditionally with the terms which the ultimatum proposes before seven-fifty o'clock Sunday night, May 9, Tokio time, Japan will make war.

From nine o'clock yesterday morning until noon the cabinet and the Elder Statesmen deliberated. When a final decision had been reached, Prince Yamagata, field marshal of the Japanese armies, and Count Okuma, the premier, communicated the result to the Emperor.

In turn, the Emperor summoned a conference of the cabinet, the Elder Statesmen, the general staff of the army and the admiral in command of the navy. From that conclave, representing the civil life and armed strength of the nation, the solemn ultimatum issued.

### Bryan Announces American Position

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, May 7.—Secretary Bryan issued last night a statement on the situation in the Orient which is generally interpreted to mean that, although no formal tender of good offices will be made by the United States, the services of the American state department have been placed at the disposal of both countries for a diplomatic settlement of their dispute.

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## TITANIC DRIVE IS UNDERTAKEN TO OVERWHELM CZAR'S ARMIES

Teutonic Allies Put Forth Practically Entire Strength On Eastern Front, From Baltic To Hungary, To Crush Russians

### PETROGRAD SAYS REPORTED GREAT VICTORY IS A MYTH

Stubborn Battles Are Said To Be Progressing In Galicia and In Carpathians Outcome of Which Promises To Decide Campaign

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, May 7.—Germany and Austria are putting forth their strength in a combined effort, the titanic energy of which never has been equalled in history. Their forces are engaged on the whole Eastern front, from the Baltic to the Great Plain of Hungary, and on the west they have taken the offensive at many points.

On the banks of the upper Vistula, the Russians would seem to be holding their positions, as far as can be judged from independent news sources.

**Bulletins Contradictory**  
Elsewhere, the official bulletins are flatly contradictory. Petrograd asserts the great victory which the German school children celebrated yesterday is a myth.

"The reports from Berlin and Vienna of an Austro-German victory in western Galicia are absolutely unfounded," says a dispatch to the Russian ambassador here from the foreign minister's office at Petrograd.

"Stubborn battles are in progress in Galicia," continues the dispatch, "but their development gives absolutely no ground for reports of even a partial success for our enemies."

**Russians In 'Full Retreat'**  
"Our southern wing," says the latest of the series, "has crossed the Wisloka and the enemy is withdrawing through the Lupkow pass."

"Since dawn Wednesday the Russians have been in full retreat in Western Galicia."

The previous bulletin estimated that in the last two days 150,000 Austrian prisoners had been taken.

Berlin, echoing Vienna, asserts that the whole line of Russian positions in the Carpathians is now precariously held, and that the events of the next few days may decide the Eastern campaign.

## DECK OFFICERS WIN BIG MARITIME STRIKE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, May 7.—One hundred steamships operated by nine coastwise navigation companies have been released by concessions granted to their striking mates. All coastwise shipping from this port was tied up last Monday, when the deck officers of 318 ships, operated by thirty-eight lines, walked out on a strike demanding more pay.

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND TO PENSION CLERGY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, May 7.—The central board of finance of the Church of England has given its approval to the pensioning of its clergymen. A committee is to be appointed at once which will prepare "a comprehensive pension scheme for the ordained and lay ministers of the church."

## BRITISH AIRMAN CUTS TURK COMMUNICATIONS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, May 8.—An Athens dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company reports that a British aviator has succeeded in cutting communications between the Turkish base at Smyrna and the Dardanelles by destroying the railway bridge at Panderna.

Premier Asquith informed the house yesterday that the operations of the allied forces were being pushed forward successfully, and that in the last encounter the Turks retired leaving fifteen hundred dead on the field.

Amplifying the previously reported victory at Dilman, Persia, against the Turks, Petrograd asserts today that at Olti, on the fringes of the Caucasus, the Turks have sustained another smashing defeat.

### SAN FRANCISCO SEAWALL COMPLETE IN ENTIRETY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—After twenty years of construction work, the last length in the concrete seawall extending from Fisherman's wharf to the China basin was completed yesterday.

### TORNADO KILLS FIFTEEN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) JENNINGS, Louisiana, May 7.—Fifteen persons were killed and forty-five injured yesterday in a tornado which tore across southwestern Louisiana from the Gulf.